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### **TROPICAL STORM KATRINA SITUATION REPORT**

**St. Lucie County is NOT holding any press conferences as of right now, nor is the EOC activating. The Public Information Office will continue to send out Situation Reports as needed and will be available to answer media and/or resident questions. As of right now, all County Government Offices will remain open today, Thursday, August 25 and tomorrow, Friday, August 26.**

Pre-Storm Situation Report      02  
Created (Date/Time):            Thursday, August 25, 2005 @ 11:30 a.m.  
EOC Activation Level:            3-Monitoring

#### CURRENT SITUATION:

Katrina is not expected to impact St. Lucie County with hurricane force winds. It will mainly be a rain event with some strong winds brought on by periodic squalls and there is a moderate tornado threat. Due to the slow forward motion of Katrina...heavy rains are expected. Rainfall amounts of 4"-8" with local higher amounts are possible. As of 6:30 a.m. this date a Flood Watch was issued by the National Weather Service (NWS). There will be numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms with NE winds increasing to 20 to 30 mph with higher gusts. Tonight mostly cloudy with numerous showers and thunderstorms through Friday and lessening Saturday.

The St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center is monitoring this storm. St. Lucie County EOC is participating in state sponsored conference calls in conjunction with the National Hurricane Center. We will continue to monitor the storm track and will advise as additional information is provided with the National Weather Service. For more information on Hurricane Preparedness, visit [www.stlucieco.gov/eoc](http://www.stlucieco.gov/eoc).

#### COUNTY ACTIONS:

- ❑ St. Lucie County Landfill to close this afternoon at 5:30 p.m. and remained closed all day Friday, August 26. There will be no garbage pickup throughout St. Lucie County on Friday, August 26. Residents should NOT place garbage curbside if Friday is their regularly scheduled pick up day. Garbage collection will resume on normal collection days beginning Saturday, August 27.
- ❑ A local State of Emergency was declared for St. Lucie County at 8 a.m. Thursday, August 25 to facilitate the use of necessary resources and allow emergency procedures if required.
- ❑ No shelters are scheduled to open at this time.
- ❑ No evacuations are scheduled at this time.
- ❑ No curfews are scheduled at this time.

- ❑ As of right now, all St. Lucie County government offices will be open during regular business hours on Friday, August 26.
- ❑ The Joint Meeting between St. Lucie County Commissioners and Port St. Lucie Council Members scheduled for Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.
- ❑ The Court System Advisory and Public Safety Coordinating Committee Meetings scheduled for today, Thursday, August 25 at 3 p.m. at the County Administration Building will take place as scheduled.
- ❑ St. Anastasia Catholic School will close at 2:45 p.m. today and all after school activities are cancelled. There is NO extended care/after school care today.

#### Historical Information

- ❑ St. Lucie County Department Directors have begun storm preparations per the County's Hurricane Manual.
- ❑ First call out of special needs residents taking place for confirmation of transportation needs.
- ❑ Students of St. Lucie County public schools have early dismissal (regular 2 hour early dismissal) on Thursday, August 25 and no school all day Friday, August 26. School employees will be notified as to whether they should report to work on Friday, August 26.
- ❑ St. Anastasia Catholic School and John Carroll High School will be closed on Friday, August 26.